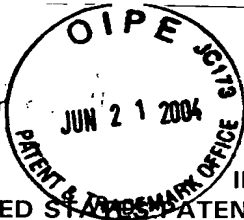


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Introductory Comments

This is responsive to the Final Rejection in the Office Action, dated April 21, 2004, by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in the above-identified patent application. This amendment is submitted in accordance with the "Revised Amendment Practice: 37 CFR 1.121 Changed, Compliance is Mandatory – Effective Date: July 30, 2003."

The undersigned wishes to thank the Examiner for the telephone interview (the "Interview") on June 8, 2004, wherein certain issues as identified below were discussed.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.